





## A BONSPIEL.

The game of snoring is too well known in Prince Albert to need explanation. Simon, shaped like a round tree, weighing from thirty to fifty pounds, with handles attached, are almost as a centre called a Tee, from a distance of about thirty to forty yards; four players on each side throw two stones each, one alternately, and only those "count" that are within, or upon, a fourteen feet circle drawn round the Tee.

"What are ye chattering there at?" said Rinkie to Allen Crawford; "na! off this snuffin' an' lead for me. I never wear gloves as ye call them," said he, holding up his red horny hands, "I gie the bonn leather to the Lords wather."

"Thou'ra been very weel! I've been fashed w' lamplight."

"Lamplight! I was bad w' myself, an' I swalled tons o' the doc's drugs, but I got we better till I got a bottle o' rheumatic mistur' frae Beck Riddell, an' then I had four glasses o' hit I was better. Cast off your topcoat an' yer no' tair, an' gie's a guile leadin' soap weel when I tell ye, an' ye'll come come a heat."

The game was begun. Allan's first stone was a "Hog" (i.e., did not cross a line called the "hog score," which lay about seven yards back from the Tee. "Diest the poofy off your next stone, Allan," cried Rinkie. Cooper Cranston leon David Tait side; his stone landed on the Tee. "A pat-ld," said Bounce Davie.

"Naw, Potty na," cried Rinkie; "ye see that, jist lie in the face o't; dinna drive." But Allan uncalculated his strength, and his stone swept "over a' ice," which drew from Rinkie, "did ye put turpentine on the sole o' that man, painter?"

The cooper was asked for a "short hog" to his first shot, but his second stone came too far up and lay beside it.

"Eh! Sir John," cried Rinkie; "there is a brace o' patricks (partridges); apli them up—fine, man—fine—there they toddle—that's playin', that's carlin' for ye. Wha could play without ye?"

"Jest that stane, Mr. Easton," cried David; "dinna soap, men—dinna soap, I tell ye—he's guardin'. No—no—soap—soap, bring him in—he's a grand side shot; and the brooms or "cowses," as they were called, did their duty. "We're lying better now," said David.

"Guard that wick, Sir John," cried Rinkie; "it's a wee dangerous—bring him o'er the hog, I tell ye soap—gie him the 'cowses'—it's a pity—he'll no das. Tak him him aff—he's a hog. This 'll no das Sir John."

"Noo, Mr. Easton, chap an' lie," said Davie; and Mr. Easton's stone knocked out the winner, and lay in its place. "Play!" said David; "played."

"Ye man jist follow that, Matthew," cried Rinkie. "No—no—stop. Try the wick o' thisither stane, an' ye'll shi, an' get the winner—he hasn't—eh, na—it's a pity—he's through 'the port'; and, after the stane had passed the Tee, David swept behind the Tee, and "saw him out o' the house."

"Eh, miller," said David, "guard, na man, guard. Lay down a bag o' seeds here; weel played, sir—siet, an' guarded—in abint his grannie's wing."

"Matthew, Matthew," cried Rinkie; "tak' yer wall o' the guard—break it aff; but Matthew's stone took the "in-wick," by glancing off the edge of his opponent's side stone, and knocking it out of the ring; then it struck the winner, and sent it out also, and lay.

"What a fluke!" said the miller. "It was nae fluke," said Matthew; "I saw it was the game! as I'd an' I tested fort, an' I did it."

"Grand!" roared Rinkie. "Grand as the gither, Matthew, that's a prize grannie!" "We'll see," said David; "jist draw length on the 'guard' miller, it's our stane," and the miller sent the "guard" up within an inch o' being the first shot.

The two "ships" then went to the fur ther end and played in rotation; good shots they made, and the result of the first "end" was "Twa for Blackhorse."

Before the game was over, Rinkie was in a state of great excitement, and was alternately praising and scolding rating "Potty na." Matthew had, however, the greatest variety of direction, drawn from his double profession of gardener and presenter. "Cauny this time, Matthew, gie as the Banger." The key o' three sharp bits

time, Matthew. "Tak yer hedge-t-bill to this one." Sneek this wasp's byke. To Sir John he was quite as outspoken. "I tell ye to crack an egg on this stane—that was hiker tellin' a tree." "Soop, Sir John, soop! what are ye doin' stan'n' lookin' about ye for, on no soopin'? Attend to yer game."

David Tait was quieter but quite as wide awake as his opponent, for while Rinkie roared incessantly, David kept his players "well in hand," although often all he said was "Shot." When time was called the numbers on each side were equal, or, poets, in curling phraseology. A final end was played. By this time the other rinks were finished and watching the "tie." It was a well played head, and only settled by David Tait's last stone worming its way past "guards," and outwicking, i.e., touching gently the outside of a stone, so as to move it sufficiently far to be shot. The jumping and cheering, flourishing of brooms and uproarious demonstrations of excitement which this "miraculous shot" drew forth, could be seen and heard—they cannot be described.

The translation of the following piece of poetry, we suggest, would be a very suitable qualification for admission to membership in a St. Andrew's Society.

O mickle jinks the kackie deup,  
An' a' unisier girna the graith,  
For wae and wae! the crowdies loup,  
O'er junk an' hallan, braw an' baith,  
Where ance the coggie hirpled fair,  
An' blithsome poortith toomel the loof  
There's nae a burnie giet rare,  
But blaws in like jinking coof,  
Yet leze me on my bonnie byke,  
My drappie shilins blinks the noo,  
An' leze me hae hasp the dyke  
For gairtern, jist a wee bit fur,  
An' Scotia! while thy ramin' last  
Le mick and moop w' gowans fine,  
I'll stowlin' pit my unco brust,  
An' clock my duds for auld lang syne.

We will give two prizes each of a year's subscription to THE TIMES for translations of the above, as follows:—One prize to the party furnishing the best literal translation in prose, and one prize to the party furnishing the best translation in English verse.

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## WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday evening last a very interesting event took place at the residence of Mr. J. F. Betts, the occasion being that of the marriage of our esteemed and much respected townsman Mr. Richard Gwynne, of the firm of Betts & Gwynne, to Miss Jessie Cassie, daughter of Mr. George Cassie, late of this place. The groom was fully assisted by Mr. W. R. Fish, while Miss Mackenzie acted as bridesmaid, the bride being given away by her uncle, Mr. G. T. Brown. After the ceremony—which was conducted by the Rev. W. McWilliam—and the usual congratulations extended, the P. A. C. band en masse arrived, and were cordially received by the host and hostess, and after playing several choice selections, Mr. R. B. Way, on behalf of the band, read the following address, Mr. Thomas Powers presenting the groom with a handsome and costly water pitcher:—

To RICHARD GWYNNE, Esq.:

DEAR FRIEND,—At this eventful period of your life, we cannot allow the opportunity to pass without showing our sincere appreciation of your valuable services in connection with the P. A. C. band, and we as members of that body beg to congratulate you upon your good choice in selecting such an amiable partner in life. As a slight token of regard, we trust you will accept the accompanying water pitcher, and wishing you and Mrs. Gwynne a long life of happiness and prosperity.

On behalf of the band,

Yours sincerely,

R. L. ST. LOUIS,  
R. B. WAY,  
T. POWERS.

Mr. Gwynne, in a humorous manner, replied that he had endeavored as far as he was concerned to let the occasion pass unknown to any others than these friends more interestingly concerned, but was pleased to see the members of the band (of which he was an old-time member) honor him by their presence. He heartily thanked the band for their handsome present, and on behalf of himself and bride for the kind and pleasing remarks contained in their address. The members were then presented to the bride and groom by Mr. Betts, and after warmly congratulating the happy couple, resumed their positions and favored the company with several sweet selections before dispersing. The company then sat down to a sumptuous dinner, elegantly prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Betts and all having heartily partaken of the delicious provisions and afterwards a few hours pleasantly in music and conversation, the happy couple left for their new home amidst showers of old slippers and rice. For lack of time and space, we cannot describe the dresses of the ladies. Suffice it to say, the bride and bridesmaid looked charming, and, with the other ladies, were elegantly attired.

## THE CARNIVAL.

The first carnival of the season was held last Saturday evening on the P. A. Curling and Skating Rink. The weather was all that could be desired, being much milder than the preceding days, and a good attendance of spectators turned out, amongst them being some of the first ladies of the town. The ice was all that could be desired, owing to the exertions of one of the energetic committee. The costumes were very beautifully and tastefully got up, and would be worthy of note in a larger place and where the material for making costumes can be had cheaply. Miss Katy Ballentyne deserves great credit for her taste in working out the character of "Good Luck," also Miss Hannah Ballentyne, who represented the "Height of Folly," one of the peculiar characters moving about on the ice was a "Barbers Pole," and nobody seemed to know who it was until it was lifted from over Miss Jessie Cassie.

Our space does not allow us to comment on any of the other character more than give the names, which are followed—Bertie McLean, "Nigger Wench," And, Nelson, "Brigand," Jas. Sander, son, "Flying Dutchman," John McLean, "Turkey," A. B. Sproat, "Big Indian," A. C. Davidson, "Army Officer," R. Middleton, "Acrobat," Thos. Powers, "Sluggard," R. Fish and Wm. Tait, "Lacrosse Players," Campbell Young, "Cowboy," R. Pritchard, "N. W. Trapper," Doug. Peterson, "Sailor," Thos. Davis, "New York Dutchman," Freddy Stewart, "Highland Laddie," John Hy. McKay, "Colored Lady."

## CARROT RIVER.

We had a little entertainment in the shape of a social on Friday evening, the 26th December, given by the Kingston Mutual Improvement Society. On Friday evening at six o'clock the president, Mr. John Sanderson, opened the meeting by giving a short and appropriate address. Immediately after the address over sixty of the settlers in this paradise of ours sat down to a sumptuous supper provided by the ladies and bachelors of this settlement. After the cravings of the inner man were thoroughly satisfied, a short programme was given, consisting of speeches, songs, recitations, and dialogues, given by the following members of the society: Messrs. J. Sanderson, son, Irvine, Newett, Dinmore, Anderson, Myers, Nichol, T. Sanderson, Robertson, Hamilton and Patterson. After the programme was completed, the floor was cleared, and all took an interesting part in keeping time to the excellent music furnished by the Patterson brothers. After all had danced until well satisfied, a vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for contributing so liberally to the night's entertainment in general. All went home satisfied that they had spent one of the most enjoyable evenings they ever had in the North West.

## BIBLE COMPETITION.

The publisher of the popular humorous work entitled "Our Joshua as a Reporter," anxious to dispose of the limited number of copies on hand has offered a special inducement. The person sending the first correct answer to the following Bible question before the 15th Jan., 1886, will receive TEN DOLLARS in gold (\$10 in Gold), the persons sending the next five correct answers, one dollar each, and the five persons sending the last correct answers one dollar each; in all eleven rewards.

Each person competing must enclose twenty-five cents with their answer and will receive by return mail a copy of "Our Joshua as a Reporter," a humorous work of 100 pages of which the Provincial and United States press have spoken most favorably. Name this paper.

QUESTIONS—Multiply the number of elders that John saw in his revelation by the number of years Satan was bound, divide by the number of gates to the New Jerusalem, add number of shekels of silver taken by Achan from Jericho, subtract the number of false prophets killed on Mount Carmel, divide by the number of Moses' sons, and subtract Eli's age at his death.

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## THE LATEST ADVIS PUBLIC.

"Only a Fancy Blemish."

Only a sack of good flour,  
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The sack at home is empty!  
My wife she jaws for more!

The kids they all are squalling:  
They want me for to go.  
For a sweeter, lovelier flour  
Our farmers cannot grow.

Still in that sack of XXXX,  
A sweet face came at will;  
The Princess Louise's photo,  
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The wheat it all is frozen;  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE.

All parties are hereby notified that the undersigned committee have petitioned the Lieutenant-Governor for the erection of "The Saskatoon Protestant Public School District."

within the following limits, that is to say: Township 26, Range 4, west of the Third Principal Meridian.

And hereby call for a vote of the school electors within these limits to decide whether such petition shall be granted or not, to be given on the Twentieth day of January, 1886, at the School House in Saskatoon, in said Township.

Votes will be received from nine o'clock a.m. until four o'clock p.m. The qualification of voters is expressed in the following oath, which persons desiring to vote must take if required:—You do solemnly swear that your name is truthfully given by the proposed voters; that you are the owner, tenant or occupant of the land voted upon; that if of the value of one hundred dollars or, if a tenant, of the yearly value of twenty dollars; that it is situated within the limits of the proposed school district, and that you are not an alien or undischarged Indian; that you have not received any corrupt reward, and have no hope or expectation of receiving any such reward for voting at this time and place.

THOMAS COPLAND, Returning Officer.  
JAMES HAMILTON, School Committee.  
PETER LATHAM.

## AVIS PUBLIC.

Est par les présentes donne que le comité soussigné a demandé par pétition au Lieutenant-Gouverneur l'érection d'un District Scolaire Protestant et Public de la paroisse de Saskatoon.

Les limites seront comme suit:

Qui comprendra tout le township 26, rang 4, Ouest de troisième ligne Méridien Principal.

Le comité soussigné recevra les suffrages des électeurs de ce district le 20 Janvier, 1886, à la maison scolaire, à Saskatoon, dans dit l'arrondissement.

Pour savoir si telle pétition au Lieutenant-Gouverneur a été agréée ou non, les votes seront donnés au bout de heures du matin à quatre heures p.m. La qualification des votants est exprimée dans le serment suivant que toute personne desirant de voter devra prêter, si elle est requise: Vous jurez solennellement que votre nom est véritablement donné par les électeurs; que vous êtes le propriétaire, locataire ou occupant du terrain voté; que si la valeur d'un centenaire ou, si un fermier, d'un vingt dollars; qu'il est situé dans les limites du district scolaire proposé; que vous n'êtes ni un étranger ni un Indien non libéré; que vous n'avez pas reçu de récompense corrompue, et n'avez pas l'espoir de recevoir telle récompense pour vous en servir à voter à ce moment et en ce lieu.

THOMAS COPLAND, Officier Rapporteur.  
JAMES HAMILTON, Comité Scolaire.  
PETER LATHAM.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

All parties are hereby notified that the undersigned committee have petitioned the Lieutenant-Governor for the erection of "The Prince Albert Times Public School."

within the following limits, that is to say: All that part of Township 27, west of the Third Principal Meridian which lies on the south side of the South Saskatchewan River, and sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

And hereby call for a vote of the school electors within these limits to decide whether such petition shall be granted or not, to be given on the Thirtieth day of January, 1886, at the house of Miss Brimmer.

Votes will be received from nine o'clock a.m. until four o'clock p.m. The qualification of voters is expressed in the following oath, which persons desiring to vote must take if required:—You do solemnly swear that your name is truthfully given by the proposed voters; that you are the owner, tenant or occupant of the land voted upon; that if of the value of one hundred dollars or, if a tenant, of the yearly value of twenty dollars; that it is situated within the limits of the proposed school district; that you are of the full age of twenty-one years; that you are not an alien or undischarged Indian; that you have not received any corrupt reward, and have no hope or expectation of receiving any such reward, for voting at this time and place.

J. H. B. ROUCHER, Jr., Returning Officer.  
WILLIAM BRUCK, School Committee.  
ISIDORE ROYNE.

## AVIS PUBLIC.

Est par les présentes donne que le comité soussigné a demandé par pétition au Lieutenant-Gouverneur l'érection d'un District Scolaire Catholique et Public de la paroisse de Saint-Louis du 26 Méridien.

Les limites seront comme suit: Qui comprendra toute cette partie du township 26, range 4, Ouest du 26 Méridien qui se trouve au sud de la Saskatchewan et au sud des sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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